

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
retrieving an electronic form from a computer-readable storage medium where the electronic form is stored; and
posting ~~on the~~ electronic form on a display that displays criteria for infringement of a particular patent and one or more ~~any~~ currently identified infringement targets, and accepts an infringement submission including first user input to identify an additional infringement target and second user input to describe how the additional infringement target meets the criteria.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form comprises a plurality of input boxes to accept the second user input.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein each of the plurality input boxes is associated with a respective one of the criteria.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the electronic form has a plurality of display portions each to display a respective one of the criteria, and wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is positioned adjacent to one of the plurality of display portions to receive a portion of the second user input that describes how the additional infringement target meets the respective one of the criteria.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the display portions are arranged in a first column of the electronic form, and wherein the input boxes are arranged in a second column of the electronic form.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the criteria comprise a plurality of claim limitations, and wherein each of the claim limitations is associated with one of the plurality of display portions and one of the plurality of input boxes.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the electronic form comprises an input box to accept the first user input.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form comprises a Web form.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the additional infringement target is identified by a product name in the first user input.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the additional infringement target is identified by a company name in the first user input.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving an infringement submission from each of a plurality of users via the electronic form;
evaluating each of the plurality of infringement submissions based on the first user input and the second user input, wherein evaluating each of the plurality of infringement submissions includes determining that an infringement submission is on-point and that the additional infringement target is not a currently identified infringement target; and
determining a first-received on-point infringement submission based upon evaluating each of the plurality of infringement submissions and based upon a date and time when each of the plurality of infringement submissions was received.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said evaluating is performed by a patent attorney.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
compensating the user if the infringement submission is evaluated to be the first-received
on-point submission for the additional infringement target.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said compensating the user
is conditioned on a deal with the additional infringement target.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said compensating the user comprises
providing the user a fixed fee.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein said compensating the user
comprises providing the user a fee commensurate with compensation from a deal with the
additional infringement target.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
recording a date and a time associated with the infringement submission.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
sending, to the user, a message to acknowledge receipt of the infringement submission,
the message indicating the date and the time associated with the infringement
submission.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form is posted on an
intranet.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic form is posted on the
Internet.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the second user input comprises graphical
input.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising:
a computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon an electronic form to display criteria for infringement of a particular patent, to display one or more ~~and any~~ currently identified infringement targets and to accept first user input to identify an additional infringement target and second user input to describe how the additional infringement target meets the criteria.
25. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein the electronic form comprises a plurality of input boxes to accept the second user input.
26. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is associated with a respective one of the criteria.
27. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the electronic form has a plurality of display portions each to display a respective one of the criteria, and wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is adjacent to one of the plurality of display portions to receive a portion of the second user input that describes how the additional infringement target meets the respective one of the criteria.
28. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the plurality of display portions are arranged in a first column of the electronic form, and wherein the plurality of input boxes are arranged in a second column of the electronic form.
29. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the criteria comprise a plurality of claim limitations, and wherein each of the claim limitations has an associated one of the plurality of display portions and an associated one of the plurality of input boxes.
30. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the electronic form comprises an input box to accept the first user input.

31. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein each of the plurality of input boxes is to receive natural language textual input.

32. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein the electronic form comprises a Web form.

33. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein the second user input comprises graphical input.

34. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein the criteria are translated from a first language to a second language.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
providing a trust mechanism to discourage a user from providing a non-useful infringement submission.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
translating the criteria from a first language to a second language,
wherein the criteria are displayed in the second language.